

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5186
ANSWERED ON:05.04.2017
Minimization of Subsidy to Passengers
Singh Shri Lallu

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken a decision to minimize the subsidy given to passengers;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has assessed the subsidy given to the passengers;
- (d) if so, the details of subsidy given during the year 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17; and
- (e) the measures taken by the Government to decrease the subsidy and increase the efficiency of railways during the said years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5186 BY SHRI LALLU SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 05.04.2017 REGARDING MINIMIZATION OF SUBSIDY TO PASSENGERS

(a) & (b) Concessions in the passenger fare have been withdrawn for the Senior Citizens of Foreign Nationals and Non-resident Indians. At present, there is no proposal to withdraw any other concession including Senior Citizens of Indian Nationality being given in the passenger fare. However, evaluation of various alternatives relating to rationalisation of Passenger fare structure is an on-going process.

(c) & (d) Yes, Madam. The losses incurred on Passenger including Other Coaching services during the last three years are as under:-
Year Losses (? in crore)

2014-15 33,491

2015-16 35,918

2016-17 (Estimated) 35,378

(e) Recently, in case of new trains such as Humsafar and Antyodaya due to higher capital cost and various additional facilities provided, dynamic fare structure has been introduced. In Humsafar trains, the fare has been fixed at 1.15 times the basic fare of AC 3-Tier Superfast Mail/Express for the first passenger block of 50% and thereafter a 10% increase for every 10% increase in the passenger block for the remaining 50%. The fares of fully unreserved Antyodaya trains have also been fixed 15% higher in base fare than that of Mail/Express trains. Flexi fare system has been introduced in Rajdhani/Duronto trains from 09.09.2016. Under this scheme, the fare increases by 10% with every 10% of berths sold subject to maximum limit of 1.5 times in classes Second Air Conditioned, Sleeper, Second Sitting (Reserved), Air Conditioned Chair Car and 1.4 times in Air Conditioned 3-Tier.
